

Wickliffe street ignites a few gripes

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Wickliffe has a Top 10 Most Wanted list — well, of sorts.

The city's East 291st Street has been the latest target of residential complaints on News-Herald.com's SeeClickFix tool.

City Engineer Pete Formica said the street is on the city's top 10 list of asphalt streets in need of repair or repaving.

"It is in pretty bad shape," he said.

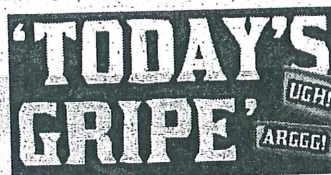
The SeeClickFix post, <http://bit.ly/gGy99D>, was done by a woman named Susan on Wednesday and has already received nine votes and 24 views.

Susan said during the past two winters, the street has been dug up by the Lake County Department of Utilities at least nine times.

"There are more lumps, bumps and holes in the road that have gone without repairs," she said in the post. "Apparently, there is an issue with the water line under the road as it has frozen multiple times. The water line and the road both need to be fixed. Please help."

Formica said the Department of Utilities is responsible for any repairs related to the water line.

"(That street) was last paved



in 1997. It's in bad shape and the reason for that are the water line repairs, so getting those fixed or patched at least until we can do a nice restoration of that street, we can work with the water department in doing that," Formica said.

And while repaving that street is not in the city's budget this year, council could decide to pursue it next year.

"We evaluate the streets every four years and rank them on different values," Formica said. "We really do a pretty thorough study on those, and what I do is make a list of the top 10 worst streets in the city and report that to council every year. I meet with our service director and we re-evaluate and then give that list of improvements to council."

The News-Herald's partnership with SeeClickFix.com, a national company, is a tool located on the paper's homepage, www.News-Herald.com, for area residents to use to more easily draw attention to issues that local officials could address.